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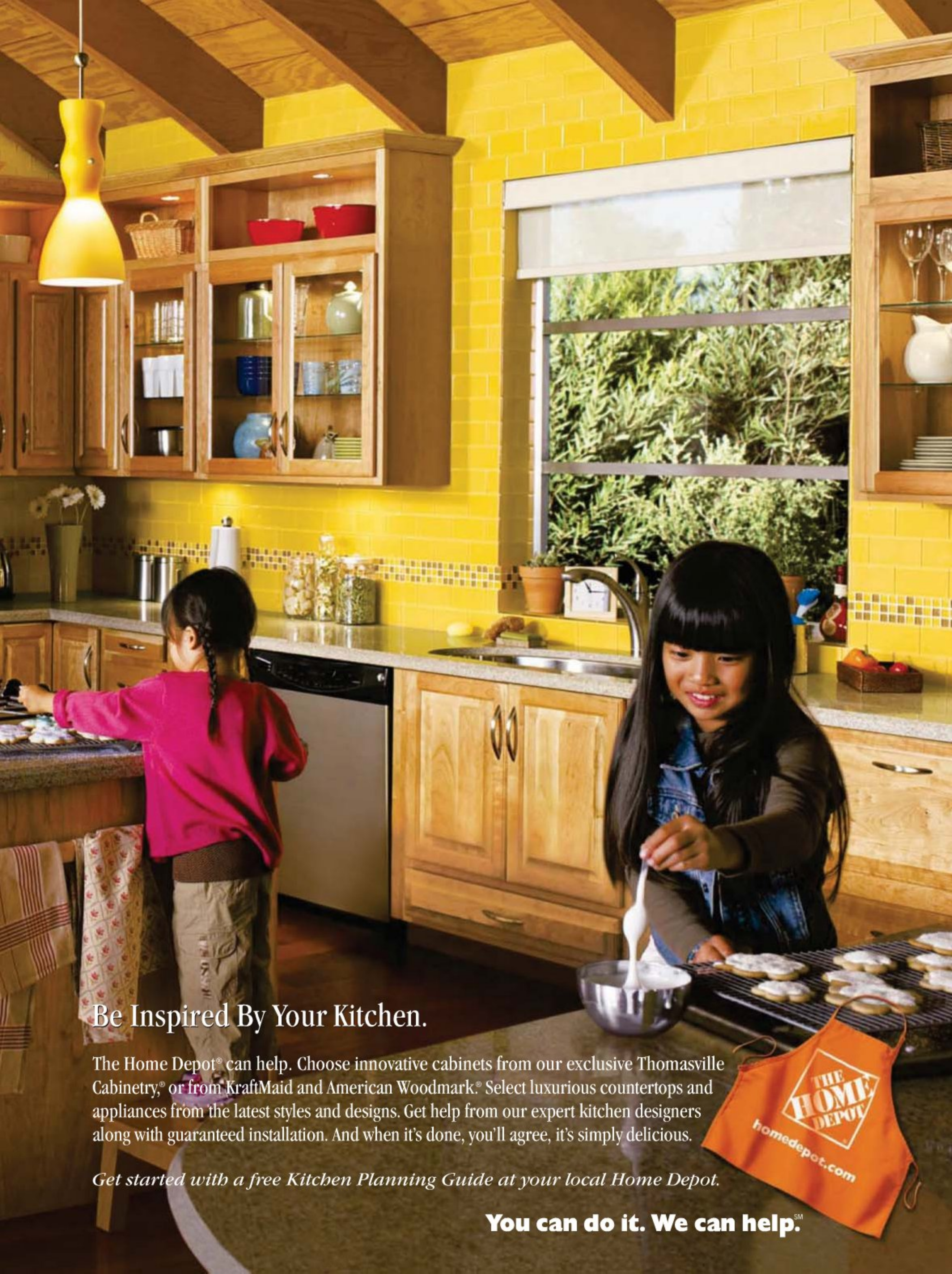
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Know Thyself

Spending an afternoon at a kitchen and bath showroom or a home center can make for some fascinating people-watching. Observing folks as they linger in room vignettes, opening and closing cabinets, peering into oven cavities and refrigerators and collecting product brochures, it becomes clear (even to an amateur analyst) that shoppers fall into two broad camps.

Maybe you're one of the fortunate souls who has a firm grip on her style preferences. Early on, you were totally committed to cottage, mad for mid-century modern or Victorian with a vengeance. If this describes your outlook, congratulations—your design confidence and focus are admirable.

Or perhaps you're most comfortable living the life of a design dilettante—not in the negative sense of the word, but simply meaning you're attracted to a range of aesthetic elements. Kudos to you, too, for possessing a questing and open mind.

Whichever category you call home, I hope you'll enjoy this issue of *Kitchens & Baths*, filled with inspiring rooms of every stripe as well as the winners of the KB Awards—our picks for the top products of the year.

Leslie

Leslie Plummer Clagett
Editor

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Dear Reader,

In my last note, I asked you to tell me what *you* wanted to read about in our 2007 issues. Two trends emerged from your responses: You definitely want ways to achieve high-end looking kitchens and baths without paying those high-end prices, and you'd love more articles on how to design and renovate small-space kitchens and baths. So our second issue of *Kitchens & Baths* 2007, on sale March 6, will focus exclusively on wonderfully creative, compact kitchens, while the third issue, on sale April 17, will feature tips on how to get a high-end look on a strictly low-end budget. Keep those letters coming! We're listening. E-mail me at the address below or write to me at Woman's Day Special Interest Publications, 1633 Broadway, 42nd floor, New York, NY 10019. I can't wait to hear from you!

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FYI More than two thirds of adults surveyed said they use their kitchen—rather than the living room—to entertain guests.
—*Electrolux State of the Kitchen Report*

RINSO RIGHT
The commercial grade Parma single-handle prerinse faucet from Danze gets those sticky bits off of your gourmet cookware for a more thorough cleaning. A toggle control lets you switch between an aerated spray and a high-intensity stream. Available in chrome or stainless steel finish. From $400. 877-530-3344; *www.danze.com*.

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This beechwood cutting board has a handy drawer to stash utensils. $30. 800-600-9817; *www.organize.com*.

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New technology means there's no need to heat anything but the pan. The hybrid Induction Cooktop from Thermador offers both radiant and induction heat, so it can be used with your current cookware or with the accompanying complementary set from Demeyere. Available in 30- and 36-inch sizes. $1,600 to $3,340. 800-656-9226; *www.thermador.com*.

FYI January and June are the most popular months to start kitchen projects; for bathrooms, it's February and September.

—National Kitchen & Bath Association

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innovation in the kitchen

Each year sees new products and trends in kitchen design. We asked designers to tell us which ones are keepers

WRITTEN BY JUDI KETTELER

CASS CALDER SMITH

Architect and owner of Cass Calder Smith Architecture, San Francisco

"I like the way the kitchen has become the central feature of many living spaces," Smith says. It's less of a dramatic innovation and more of a subtle shift, but it's changing the way people use kitchens—and how they're designed. "I like that the island kitchen has become so prevalent. It's much more enjoyable to use because nobody is staring at a wall, and it's a catalyst for social interaction," he says. Today's islands allow for greater flexibility than ever—not just for the serious cooks, but also for the more occasional cooks who still value having ample space for family and for entertaining.

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MARTHA KERR

Kitchen designer with Neil Kelly Company, Portland, Oregon

The innovations in which Kerr is most interested are those that improve accessibility. "We're seeing things like cabinet interiors which are more accessible, flexible-height appliances, and custom-design accessories that fit in drawers and make it easier to store things," Kerr says. Part of what is spurring these types of innovations is the fact that we have an aging population, she says. "But all these things are friendly and useful to the younger generation, too."

LAURA BOHN

Interior designer, Laura Bohn Design Associates, New York City

For Bohn, hard-working appliances sans gimmicks will always play a big role in kitchens. But she can't help but admire all the technical innovations in the past year. "You can buy combo refrigerator/stoves now—you put in your food in the morning, and by the time you come home, it's cooked," she says. She just installed a "smart" refrigerator for a client. It actually tells you when you're out of milk, and will contact the grocery store and have it delivered. Bohn still values the no-frills essentials, but she's interested to see how far the innovation reaches.

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JOAN KOHN

Author of *Joan Kohn's It's Your Kitchen* (Bulfinch, 2003), Chicago

Kohn is excited to see that within the past few years, several major manufacturers that previously just specialized in one type of appliance are now putting together suites of appliances. She points to Gaggenau as an example of a company embracing this kind of new thinking. "It makes it easier for the consumer, and it also makes for a more harmonious design in the kitchen when you can pull from one line," she says. ◆

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cooktops

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If you're considering a new cooktop, you may feel overwhelmed by the many styles and configurations available. The secret to finding the right one for your kitchen is to clearly understand your cooking style. If your family likes to cook, a separate cooktop and oven allow for discrete cooking stations, enabling multiple cooks to work at the same time. If you frequently cook for a crowd, you may want a cooking surface with more than a traditional range's four burners or you may need burners of greater size and power.

For many homeowners, a stand-alone cooktop simply makes kitchen work easier. "A cooktop frees you to install your oven where you like, at a height more convenient for bending and lifting," says kitchen designer Debbie Martin, of the Design Center in North Lima, Ohio. Because cooktops are easily designed into islands or peninsulas, they also offer many options for making a kitchen style statement.

SIZE EFFECTS

Once you've decided that a cooktop fits your cooking style, you need to consider how it fits your kitchen style. Unless you are creating a new kitchen from scratch, you should first consider available space. The most common cooktop widths are 30 and 36 inches, with more highly featured 42- and 48-inch-wide units also available. "If you use a lot of large cookware at once, make sure the burners are far enough apart to allow you to easily move and manipulate your pots and pans," says Scott A. Stultz, principal of Philadelphia-based design firm Cornerstone USA. Most cooktops will fit easily into a standard-depth counter, but larger or pro-style models may require a deeper space. Also, be sure to assess what you want or need to store beneath your cooktop, since models vary in the amount of usable space they provide below.

FRESH AIR

A key consideration in choosing a cooktop is ventilation, says Stultz. "An inadequate exhaust system can cause maintenance problems, and you'll have odors, steam and smoke where you don't want them." Plus, "the vent's location may determine where the cooktop must go," says Martin.

Underpinning all these considerations is the basic question of fuel: electric or gas. Electric cooktops commonly feature traditional coil burners in metal tops or smooth ceramic glass surfaces, with heating elements installed beneath the glass. Although they're powered by electricity, smooth-glass induction cooktops have no conventional burners; instead, a magnetic field is created beneath the glass. The magnetism causes the pan's molecules to vibrate, heating the pan, which then heats the food. Cooks interested in experimenting with induction may want to consider compact single or dual burner induction models, including portable plug-in units, before committing to a full-size cooktop.

Gas is usually the first choice of serious foodies. "Gas provides infinite temperature control and instantaneous change, which you need with sensitive recipes," says Stultz. Like electric models, they come in a variety of configuations, from economical porcelain surfaces with open burners to massive pro-style models. Check out our chart (right) for all the details.

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Type	*Pros*	*Cons*
ELECTRIC COIL	◆ Delivers acceptable performance at low cost ◆ Elements are more efficient for pots and pans that aren't uniformly flat	◆ Heats unevenly; lacks precise temperature control ◆ Hard to clean ◆ Not a contemporary look
CERAMIC GLASS	◆ Usually available with high-speed electric or even halogen elements ◆ Frequently features five or more burners, including "dual elements," which perform like two burners in one; a small, low-power element is nestled within a larger, high-power element ◆ Easy to clean—if you're quick to mop up spills	◆ May cook unevenly if pan bottoms aren't completely flat ◆ Cooked-on food can create cleanup problems ◆ Cooling takes longer than with gas ◆ Making precise temperature adjustments is more challenging
INDUCTION	◆ Quick to heat and as responsive as gas ◆ Cooks faster than conventional electric, and helps keep the kitchen cooler, without the hazards of an open flame ◆ Remains cool while pans heat ◆ Spills don't cook onto the surface	◆ Can be pricey ◆ Requires magnetic pans, such as cast iron or enamel or porcelain-coated steel. Aluminum, glass and copper don't work on induction cooktops
GAS	◆ Widely considered the fuel of choice for serious cooks ◆ Easy to clean ◆ Heats even the most warped cookware evenly	◆ Presents the inherent possibility of accidents when working with gas and open flame ◆ May not heat as quickly as a comparable electric element
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good

$400 to $700

Electric: Find basic porcelain on steel surfaces and coil burner elements, as well as higher featured four-burner stainless steel and smooth-top units. **Gas:** Options include open- and sealed-burner choices, in porcelain-on-steel, stainless steel and glass tops.

better

$700 to $1,000

Electric: Look for smooth, ceramic glass surfaces with larger and/or additional burners and higher-speed cooking elements. **Gas:** Stainless steel or glass surfaces have sealed burners of varying size offering higher heat outputs.

best

$1,000 to $1,500

Electric: Expect to see ceramic glass tops, usually featuring specialty burners such as two-in-one "dual elements," and oval-shaped or "bridge" elements for large cookware. Some have built-in downdraft vents. **Gas:** Find stainless steel and glass surfaces with continuous heavy duty grates, often with five or six burners.

ultra

$1,500 and up

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two-cook kitchens

With an extra sink and defined zones, helpers can join in

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ABOVE: A second cook doesn't require a second cooktop. One 48-inch unit should provide enough elbow room for two people to stand side by side, although this happens far less often than you might imagine.

Couples who like to cook together need kitchens with the right features and layout to allow them to conquer their respective tasks without getting in each other's way.

The notion of an additional cook may spark visions of dual ovens, cooktops and refrigerators, but two cooks does not mean two kitchens. Sure, an auxiliary fridge and a bonus oven can come in handy, but only one of each major appliance is absolutely necessary to create a kitchen for multiple cooks. Instead, doubling up on plumbing fixtures and dividing a single kitchen into zones is the key to making the space work. "The primary thing when you have a two-cook kitchen is to have two sinks," says Ann Morris, CMKBD, of Allied Kitchen & Bath in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

"In the two-cook kitchen, only one person is actually cooking," says Don Silvers, CKD, of Kitchen Design With Cooking in Mind in Los Angeles, and by cooking, he means working at the cooktop. "The other person is prepping." Both designers suggested that a 48-inch cooktop—as opposed to a second cooktop—is

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RIGHT: An extra sink is the key to adding an extra cook. The faucet on the island belongs to a prep sink, located as it should be, close to the cooking surface.

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the solution for couples that actually want to sauté simultaneously (although Silvers says he almost never encounters such situations).

THE CLEAN-UP ZONE

Appliance placement in a two-cook kitchen has a lot to do with sink location. Putting sinks near appliances and other items associated with their primary tasks defines two key kitchen zones—the clean-up zone and the prep zone.

The sink anchors each zone. "You have a clean-up sink and a prep sink," Silvers says. "The clean-up sink should be in line with the high-volume eating area. Let's say you have a dining area and a breakfast area. The clean-up sink should be near the one you eat at more." The dishwasher and storage for dishes, glasses, flatware and serving pieces should also be close to the clean-up sink. It seems an obvious point, yet it's one that Silvers finds too frequently overlooked. "Dishes should be stored where they come out of the dishwasher," he says. "If we keep things where we use them, we don't have to walk all over the place."

THE PREP ZONE

The prep sink, "has to be in a direct line with the cooktop and the microwave," Silvers says. The refrigerator should also be nearby, along with knives and other prep tools, pots and pans and spices. "You're either going to prep food to go back to the refrigerator or to go to the cooktop or oven." Of course, counter space is also necessary. Morris says each work area requires at least a 2-foot-long stretch of countertop. "Three feet is better," she says.

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SINKS AND TRAFFIC

Sink placement can also help govern traffic. "In a galley kitchen," says Morris, "sink number one can be a large sink that can be used for prep or clean up." The second sink would most likely be prep only and would be on the opposite side of the galley.

In any setup where cooks are standing back-to-back, Morris recommends at least four feet of aisle space. "If not, you have to stagger the sinks," she says. To avoid situating cooks back-to-back in kitchens with islands, she recommends placing the sink at one end of the island and perpendicular to the other sink.

Once a kitchen is set up to handle two cooks, adding helpers is a matter of finding enough countertop to prep. "If a design works, depending on the size of the space, you can have a lot of people working in a kitchen," Silvers says.

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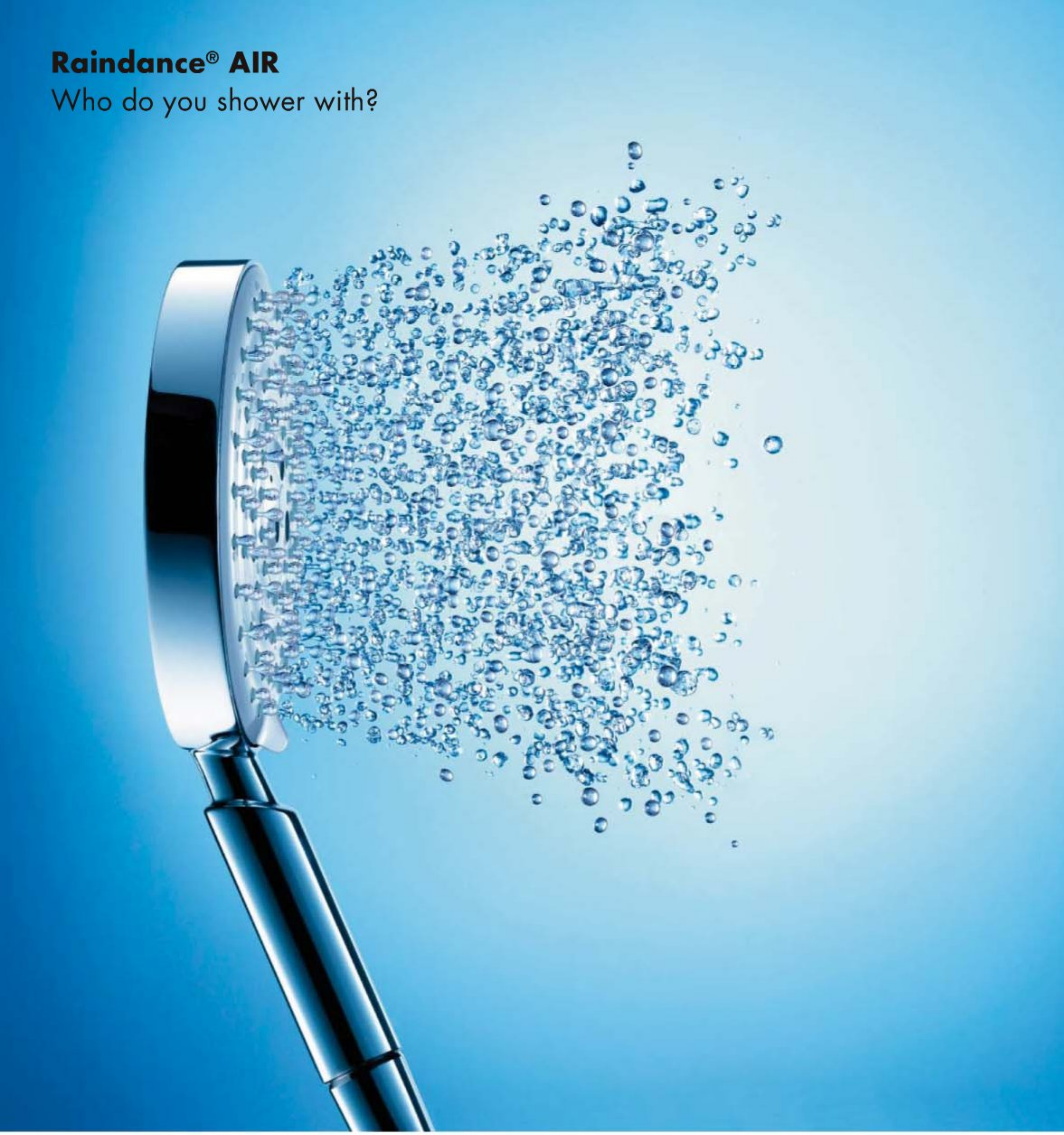

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BATHROOMS

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4 ADD A FUNKY SHOWER CURTAIN. It's another item that's easy to change, so be bold. Coordinate the curtain with the towels, but don't get the same color—experiment.

5 ADD SHELVES TO DISPLAY COLORFUL ITEMS. Try using beadboard two thirds of the way up the wall instead of stopping halfway, then add shelves at the transition point and use them to show off colorful knickknacks.

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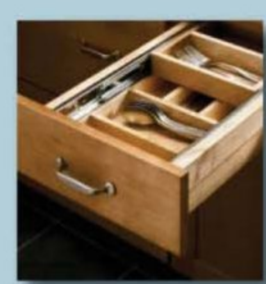

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14 USE STENCILS. Instead of painting the cabinets, add color with stencils. Use them on the walls, too. This can be another fun family project.

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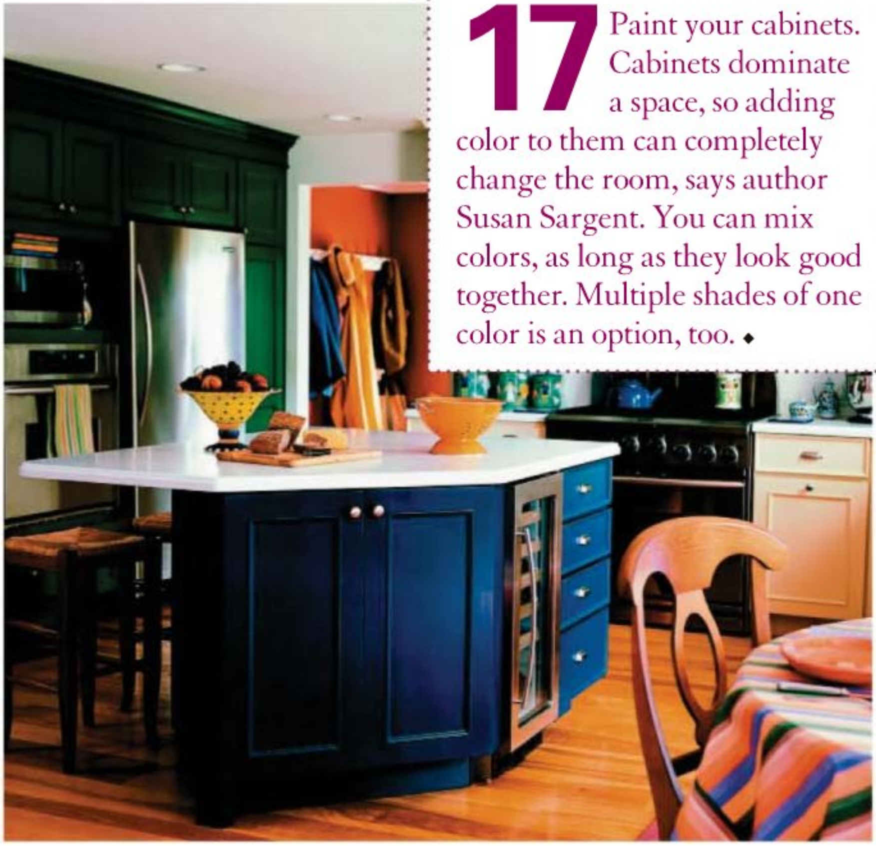
16 JAZZ UP THE LIGHTING. Colorful lighting options abound. Add even more color with glass or fabric shades.

17 Paint your cabinets. Cabinets dominate a space, so adding color to them can completely change the room, says author Susan Sargent. You can mix colors, as long as they look good together. Multiple shades of one color is an option, too. ◆



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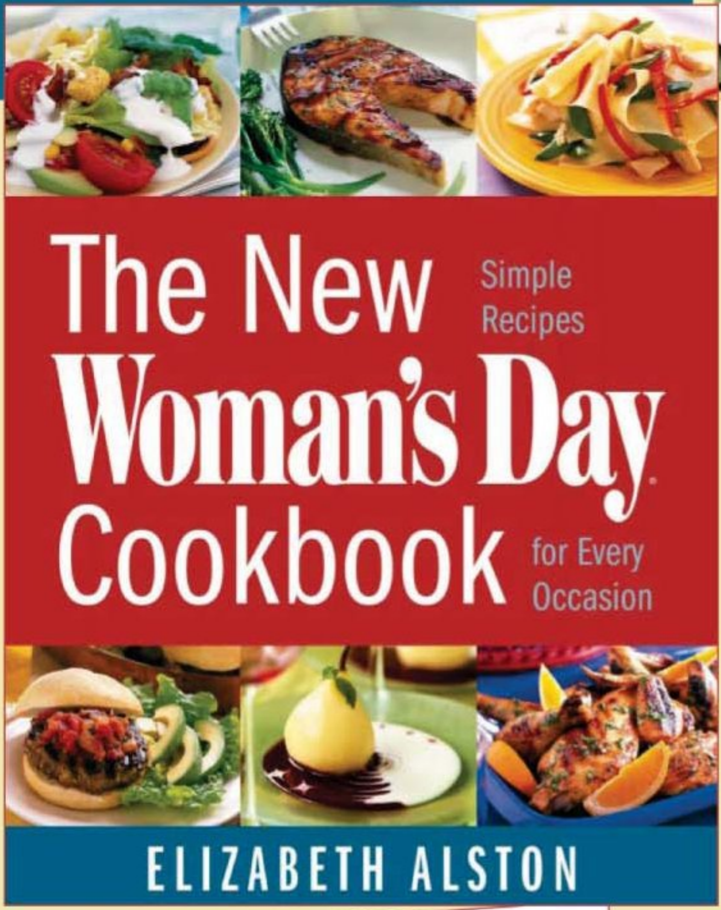

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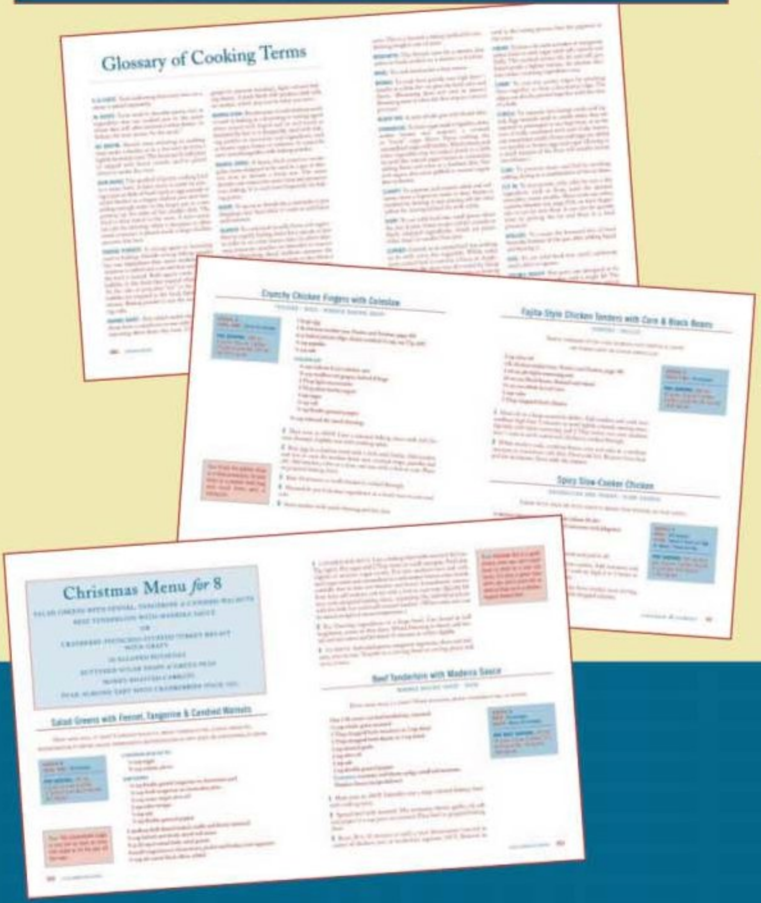

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1 open up

Located in the small waterfront community of New Buffalo, Michigan, Steve and Janet Dahl's cottage-style condo is an ideal place to relax. Steve, a popular radio personality in Chicago, and Janet, a homemaker, have three grown sons and frequently host family and friends at their weekend home. Since the dark and closed-off 185-square-foot kitchen made parties a chore, the couple asked Kathy Hoffman, a designer with Susan Fredman & Associates, of Union Pier, Michigan, to help them create a more user-friendly kitchen. Removing two walls and reconfiguring the floor plan brought in an abundance of light and opened up new possibilities. "We wanted to design a kitchen that would encourage family gatherings with a color palette that reflects nature," says Hoffman.

IN THE DETAILS

- **ISLAND:** A two-level center island has storage drawers, a double sink, dishwasher and seating.
- **CABINETS:** White-painted maple cabinets with beadboard detailing and a coffee glaze replace dark wood cabinets that made the old kitchen seem dreary.
- **FLOORING:** Country-grade maple floors reinforce the kitchen's light look.
- **COUNTERTOPS:** Earth-tone granite countertops are inspired by the pebbles and sand outside.
- **BACKSPLASH:** Part of the kitchen's subway tile backsplash was laid horizontally, while other sections were laid in a vertical pattern for visual interest.
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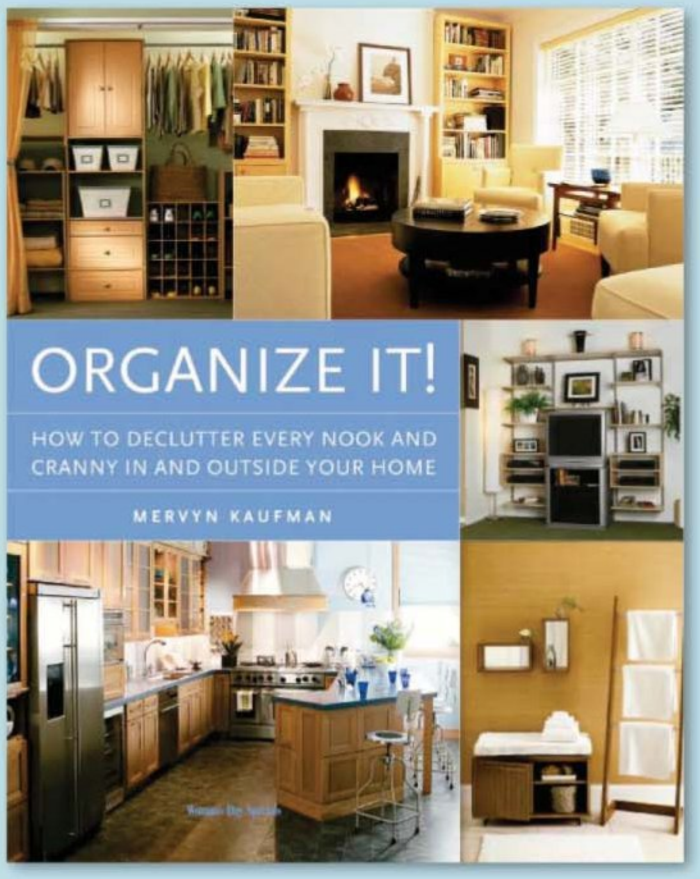

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2 light and bright

Surrounded by woods, Steve and Megan Dragich's two-level New Buffalo, Michigan, vacation get-away has a traditional look. But after owning this home for a couple of years, the couple—with one child in high school and another in college—decided it was time to give their standard-grade 200-square-foot kitchen a makeover. Keeping the exterior walls in place but replacing the cabinetry was the key change that brightened the space. "They wanted to upgrade and update," says their designer, Karen Garlanger Straub, of Susan Fredman & Associates, "and make the kitchen more of a focal point for entertaining." They also picked up details from the adjacent living room, such as choosing maple for the floor, to visually improve the flow between the two spaces.

IN THE DETAILS

- **CABINETS:** Custom natural maple cabinets and made-to-order bronze hardware that patinas with age add richness to the kitchen. A new pantry next to the panel-front refrigerator pulls out for storage. Glass-front cabinets by the window lighten the look of the room.
- **COUNTERTOPS:** The polished granite countertops are a major upgrade from the old white plastic laminate. They are tan with touches of white and burgundy—a color used liberally in the adjacent living room.
- **ISLAND:** With seating for two, drawers, a built-in wine rack and a cooktop, the island is a workhorse. A curved top and legs give it the furniture feel the couple wanted.
- **SINK:** A white farmhouse sink adds a casual touch. A tea-colored mosaic backsplash draws the eye and adds a bit of sparkle.

BEFORE: The existing kitchen was bland and gloomy, with laminate counters, inexpensive cabinets and a dark tile floor. AFTER: White-painted window frames around the sink and glazed maple cabinets brighten the room.

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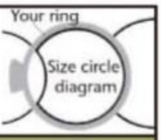

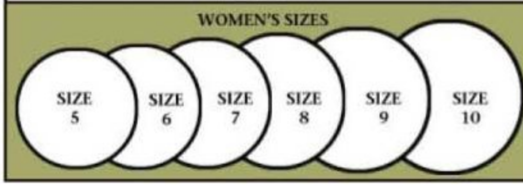

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BEFORE: The old island had a smooth cooktop that could be dangerous with the kids around. AFTER: The new 15-foot-long island offers a double sink, seating for four, storage and a raised section for plating meals.

3 sun room

While many kitchen remodels are about improving the look of the room, John Bryant Snell and his wife, Jamie Moldafsky, of St. Joseph, Michigan, had a different concern: better function. "As a professional chef, John really wanted to separate his cooking, prep and baking areas. And because of Jamie's job as a vice president for a major appliance manufacturer, they had a chance to test out lots of really great appliances," says Barbara Ince, a designer based in the Chicago office of Susan Fredman & Associates. In order to include all the upgrades, the kitchen was gutted and extra space was created by incorporating a breakfast room. The couple, parents of two young children, now had the room for their high-performance gourmet kitchen, plus a wall of windows for plenty of natural light. ◆

IN THE DETAILS

- **APPLIANCES:** Double ovens, a combination microwave/convection oven, two dishwashers and two large, pro-style built-in refrigerators are only some of the gourmet features. "There's also a six-burner range side-by-side with a six-burner cooktop with a custom vent hood and stainless steel cabinet below," says Ince.
- **CABINETS:** Natural cherry cabinets with sleek satin nickel pulls give the kitchen the industrial flavor John and Jamie wanted. Open cabinets above a coffee center/breakfast area provide easy access to cups and bowls. The pantry door features a chalkboard paint insert that allows John to post menus for dinner parties.
- **LIGHTING:** Undercabinet lights, recessed cans and a hanging fixture over the island illuminate work spaces. New windows improve views and bring in lots of natural light.

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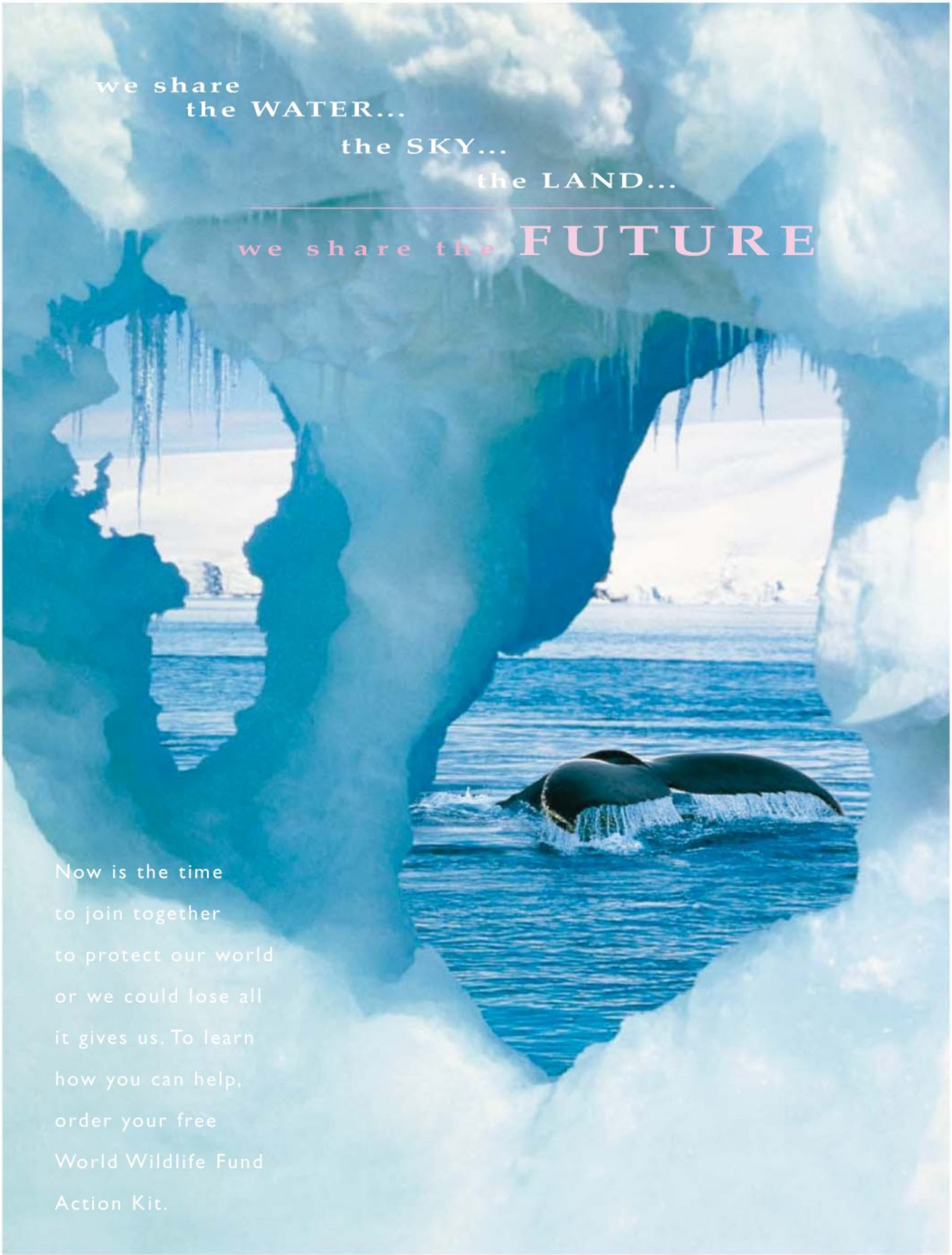

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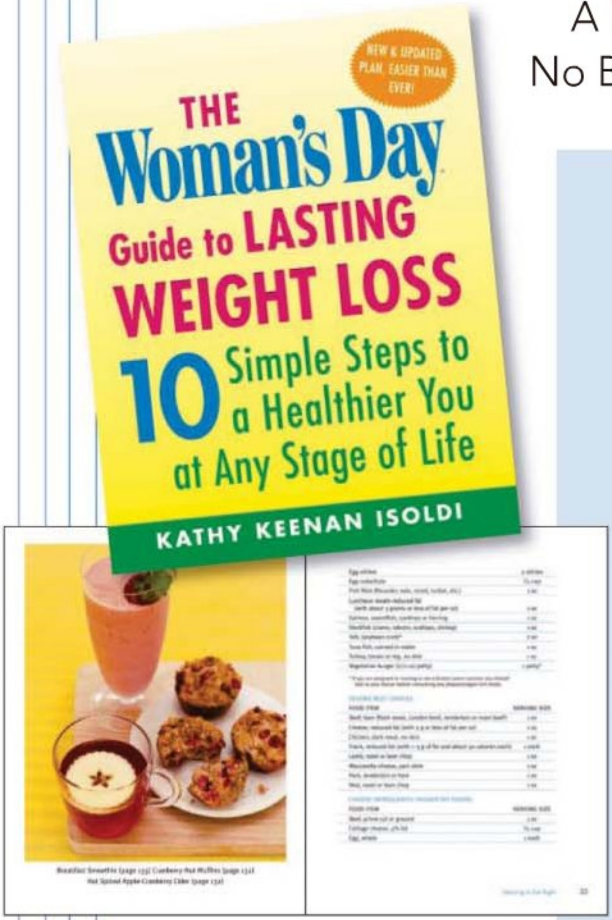

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From deep tubs to shallow cabinets, these are the most imaginative products of the year

Wonders great and small fill our annual rundown of the best in kitchen and bath products. We pored over hundreds of entries, and we judged the items on the following pages to be the best. One of our winning tubs is 34 inches deep—and that's on the inside. Conversely, one of our storage products is a cabinet that's 3 inches deep. Other winners included smaller components combining to make bigger things, like two refrigerators that team up to form one unit, and wall coverings and lighting fixtures made of glass tiles.

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WINNER
Dacor, Millenia Microwave In-A-Drawer

BELOW: First it was refrigerators, then dishwashers—now microwaves come in drawer form. Users can lift hot soup and other painful-when-spilled items directly up, rather than out and up from a microwave with a door, for smoother trips to the counter. $1,049. 800-793-0093; *www.dacor.com.*

cooking

WINNER
TMIO, Connect Io Intelligent Oven

ABOVE: Ovens that also refrigerate food may be a difficult concept to grasp, but get past that and concentrate instead on the notion that, thanks to its built-in Ethernet jack, you can control this double wall oven from the Internet or a phone (yes, land-line or cell). In addition to refrigeration, the 30-inch appliance has proofing, dehydration and Sabbath modes, plus true convection. $7,495. 800-881-8646; *www.tmio.com.*

HONORABLE MENTION
Wolf, Sealed-Burner Rangetop

LEFT: Sealed burners make cleaning a cooktop easier. But this convenience comes with a compromise—the restricted air flow takes away some Btu. So cooks are forced to choose: power or easy cleanup? This cooktop aims to offer both, with sealed burners that can crank out up to 15,000 Btu, plenty for most home chefs. It comes in three sizes, with optional modules that include a grill, griddle and French top. $2,000 to $3,400. 800-332-9513; *www.wolfappliance.com.*

faucets/fittings

WINNER

Toto, Ryohan EcoPower Sensor Faucet

ABOVE: Sensor faucets save water, but the electricity the sensors need has to come from a battery or household wiring. This faucet says goodbye to all that, using the water itself as a power source—no fossil fuels required. Flowing water turns a turbine, which stores energy in capacitors inside the faucet. The faucet does have a battery as a backup, but regular use keeps that battery charged for a long, long time. It looks pretty snappy, too, which is a bonus, considering its ecological advantages. $1,700. 800-350-8686; *www.totousa.com*.

HONORABLE MENTION

Kohler, DTV Custom Showering Experience

BELOW: By the looks of it, you'd think this wall-mounted gizmo was a music player, but it's actually the control for a full-immersion shower system. The digital interface allows bathers to program their favorite showering experience so they can go from zero to "Ahh!" at the touch of a button. Showerheads come in six prearranged configurations, with custom setups also an option. $1,990 to $2,040. 800-456-4537; *www.kohler.com*.

surfacing

WINNER

Abet, Silver Collection

ABOVE: Silvery anodized aluminum, lacquered for durability, gives a shine to these 48×120-inch sheets of high-pressure laminate, suitable for vertical applications. Six patterns, including florals, paisleys and abstracts, have an uncannily handcrafted look. $17 per square foot. 800-228-2238; *www.abetlaminati.com*.

HONORABLE MENTION

Formica, Artifact Series: Spa

Water-inspired blue is the inspiration for this new solid surfacing. Accenting the tranquil hue are translucent elements and shimmering flecks, which make it possible to achieve a subtle, ripple-like effect when the surface is installed. $45 per square foot. 800-367-6422; *www.formica.com*.

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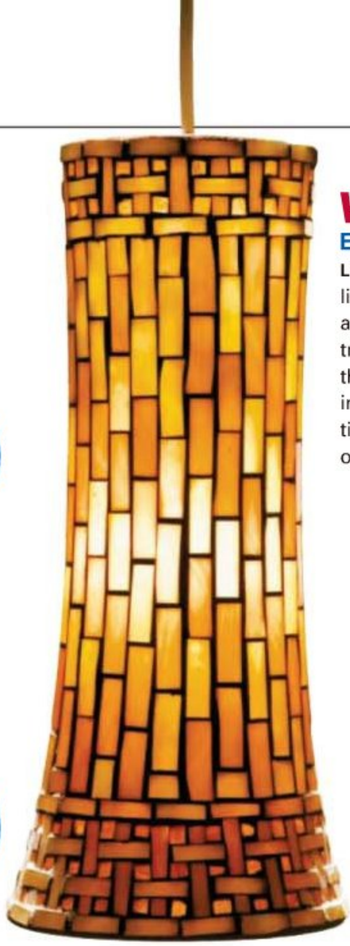
lighting



WINNER
Erin Adams Design, Lumé Collection

LEFT: Bringing the look of exotic woven baskets to lighting, this fixture is made of glass tiles affixed to a glass form. This works out well, as glass is more translucent and—here's the clincher—less flammable than bamboo or wicker. Available pendant shapes include convex, concave and conical. Patterns for the tiles include brick and parquet. From $325, depending on model. 505-352-1016; *www.erinadamsdesign.com.*

HONORABLE MENTION
Bear Creek Glass, Brookshire Sconce

LEFT: This stately sconce consists of a custom-made globe on a metal wall mount. Shown here in amber with orbits of spun glass, the fixture comes with a 100-watt incandescent bulb. $188 for the metal mount; globes from $140 ($145 as shown). 205-324-9399; *www.bearcreekglass.com.*

ventilation

WINNER
Bulthaup, Slatted Extractor Hood

RIGHT: The fuss-free, triangular form of this hood is easy on the eyes and, more importantly, easy on the noggin. The upwards tilt offers more headroom than a traditional horizontal hood. Aluminum slats close flat when the hood is idle but open wide when it gets down to business. The unit includes lighting and activated charcoal filters, which help reduce odors. $5,600 to $7,300, depending on size. 800-808-2923; *www.bulthaup.com.*

HONORABLE MENTION
Sirius, SU48r

ABOVE: This wall-mounted hood essentially runs itself. A heat sensor detects temperature changes over the cooktop. When the temperature goes up 2°F within two minutes, a filter glides into place and the fan kicks on. The fan speed then adjusts with every temperature change of two degrees. When the cooktop returns to its original temperature, the fan automatically shuts off. $3,500. 866-528-4987; *www.siriushoods.com.*

sinks

WINNER

Elkay, Avado Integrated Work Surface Sink

LEFT: The raised, textured middle of this sink looks all cool and industrial, but it has a practical benefit, too. It can serve as a heatproof resting spot for hot pots and pans without monopolizing either bowl of the sink. The wide barrier also better establishes each bowl as a separate zone in cases where two people want to work at the sink simultaneously. $1,700. 800-572-3192; *www.elkayusa.com.*

HONORABLE MENTION

Toto, Neorest Lav with Integrated Sensor Faucet

BELOW: This handsome, wide bathroom sink is designed to be semi-inset into a vanity countertop and has a bowl that's 4¾ inches deep. The size of the sink and the way it's mounted seem a natural, welcome progression from the vessel-lav trend of recent years. Included with the sink is a sensor faucet that lights up to indicate water temperature: red for hot, blue for cold. $4,500. 800-350-8686; *www.totousa.com.*

HONORABLE MENTION

Swanstone, Ascend Bowl Sink

ABOVE: Here's one from the "Why didn't we think of this before" file: a sink that combines the capacity of a single bowl with the convenience of a double, all in a standard size. This design accomplishes it via a simple platform for placing food during prep or for separating dishes during cleanup. It does all this with no barrier to impede washing cookie sheets or lasagna pans. $415. 800-325-7008; *www.swanstone.com.*

hardware

WINNER

Atlas Homewares, Zanzibar Collection

LEFT: Although some kitchen and bath surfaces mimic the appearance of leather, these cabinet pulls, appliance pulls and bath accessories fuse the real thing to metal for a rugged yet refined look. Choose from chrome or brushed nickel, brown or black leather. $20 to $99, depending on size. 800-799-6755; *www.atlashomewares.com.*

HONORABLE MENTION

Valsan, Porto Hair Dryer Holder

RIGHT: What looks like a giant corkscrew is really a nifty device to keep a hair dryer off the counter. The wall-mounted accessory is made of solid brass, and is available in chrome, polished nickel and satin nickel finishes. From $99, depending on finish. 888-825-7266; *www.valsanbathroomsusa.com.*

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small electrics

WINNER
Ariston, Experience Built-In Espresso Maker

ABOVE: People who really love their joe will take a shine to this built-in espresso maker. It includes a water filter, which not only makes coffee taste better, it also reduces mineral deposits in the machine. The appliance also features a ceramic grinder and a knob that controls the strength of the coffee and the amount of crema (foam) on top. $2,500 to $2,700. 888-426-0825; *www.aristonappliances.us.*

HONORABLE MENTION
Nespresso, Le Cube

BELOW: Bold design and simple operation mark this countertop espresso device. Only the coffee spout and drip tray protrude from the machine's cube-shaped body. One-touch buttons on top of the unit let the user choose between a standard espresso or a 5-ounce cup of coffee. $300 and $350. 800-562-1465; *www.nespresso.com.*

storage

WINNER
Rev-A-Shelf, 434 Series Pull-Out Filler Cabinets

BELOW: Narrow slots of cabinet space typically have been good places to stash cookie sheets and trays, but little else. To make better use of such spots, Rev-A-Shelf offers the 434 series: essentially a stainless steel pegboard that runs the length and depth of a 3- or 6-inch cabinet. The panel allows a homeowner to hang pans, utensils or any relatively thin or flat item. Base and wall versions are available. From $255, depending on size. 800-626-1126; *www.rev-a-shelf.com.*

HONORABLE MENTION
Diamond Cabinets, Mini-Message Center

ABOVE: Disguised as the end of wall cabinet, this slim chamber is a great catchall for keys, note pads, pens and pencils. The inside of the door is a dry-erase board for scribbling down messages and grocery lists, plus it's magnetic, so you can show off cute photos. It's available in three heights. $290 to $375. 812-482-2527; *www.diamondcabinets.com.*

kitchen cabinets

WINNER
Snaidero, Venus Kitchen

LEFT: Sure, this suite of cabinets is bold and red and curvy, but it yields even more benefits on closer inspection. The door finish is a microfiber that approximates the look and texture of leather but is much easier to clean. Those less crazy about red can opt for black. The lighting fixture over the island is included, its many LED spotlights are arranged close together for even light distribution with less heat. From $75,000. 310-516-8499; *www.snaidero-usa.com*.

HONORABLE MENTION
La Cucina Alessi, Agreste Suite

RIGHT: The work island's arc and studded accents are the immediate attention getters, but the four vertical storage units add personality and practicality. The island has a small prep sink at one end and a smooth cooktop in the center. A wood counter finished to look like ebony matches up with leaf-shape inlays on the tall cabinets. The glass-and-steel hood is part of the package. From $32,000. 212-431-1310; *www.alessi.com*.

bath cabinets

WINNER
Julien, Bathroom Suite by Troy Adams Design

ABOVE: Melding stainless steel with wood, this roomful of coordinated bathroom furniture includes a freestanding vanity console. The unit can have one or two sinks, surrounded by a countertop with two drawers beneath it. Available woods include wenge and ebony; countertop options include marble and quartz. A coordinating stepped-height steel cabinet stretches storage. Console, $9,715 to $16,450, depending on size; Tansu Step, $14,295. 800-461-3377; *www.julien.ca*.

HONORABLE MENTION
Decolav, 5435 Wood Vanity

BELOW: The slide-out spice cabinet heads to the bathroom in this bow-front cabinet with granite top. The side "drawers" are actually tall pull-outs (similar to spice cabinets), with shelves for storing and organizing cosmetics and sundries. The top is predrilled and cut for a widespread faucet and sink, both sold separately. $1,841. 561-274-2110; *www.decolav.com*.

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WINNER

Toto, Neorest Programmable Airbath

BELOW: Standing at the tub to monitor water level and temperature as it fills seems like work, and having to sweat the details is hardly conducive to pampering and relaxing. This tub reduces that job to a couple of button presses. Just punch the desired specifications into the deck-mounted, LCD touch-control panel, and the tub takes over. When the water hits the right level and temperature, it shuts off automatically. $15,000. 800-350-8686; *www.totousa.com.*

HONORABLE MENTION

Duravit, Sundeck Tub

BELOW: This 73×34-inch acrylic tub makes use of every bit of its 18-inch depth by virtue of an overflow channel around the perimeter of the unit. That's all great, but what really distinguishes the tub is its headrests, which fold out to create a flat top, turning the tub assembly into a lounge seat. The tub can be installed indoors or outdoors. From $8,500. 888-387-2848; *www.duravit.com.*

tubs

WINNER

Victoria & Albert, Sorrento O2 Tub

RIGHT: Anyone who treasures a good soak should consider this extra-deep tub. The tub itself is 39 inches high, and inside it's a little over 34 inches deep. Molded into it is a seating area 26 inches wide. It is made of a blend of acrylic and stone designed to approximate the strength of cast iron with less weight. The Airspa version including tub jets, $5,750 to $7,250; without jets, $3,000 to $4,500. 800-421-7189; *www.englishtubs.com.*

If you treasure a good soak, but you don't want to

dishwashers

WINNER
Miele, La Perla

ABOVE: A company known for dishwasher excellence cranks it up another notch with this model. It has 20 wash cycles, accessible via a control system that combines a touch pad with an LCD screen. The machine has a compartment in the door for adding water softener—ideal for delicate crystal and china. Available in white, black or stainless, the door can also take custom panels. From $2,100. 888-346-4353; *www.miele.com*.

HONORABLE MENTION
Fagor, LFA 073

LEFT: The seamless, stainless steel interior of this dishwasher makes the tub corrosion resistant and virtually leak free, plus it cuts down on noise. In addition, this appliance can consume less water by monitoring contamination. If the water is clean enough, the machine reuses it; if not, it drains the water and refills. $1,200. 201-804-3900; *www.fagoramerica.com*.

laundry

WINNER
Samsung, SilverCare Washer

LEFT: To sanitize clothes and make them hypo-allergenic, most washing machines use hot water and/or bleach. This appliance employs natural chemistry. A device in the washer blasts an electrical current at two silver plates, which release a ridiculous number (in the quadrillions) of silver ions into the water. The ions kill odor-causing bacteria in any temperature water—including cold, which can save on energy costs. From $900. 800-726-7864; *www.samsung.com*.

HONORABLE MENTION
Whirlpool, Duet Sport HT Fabric Care System

ABOVE: Where other appliances may boast of extra capacity, this set moves the other way. This washer and dryer are two inches shorter and two inches shallower than standard versions. The dimensions make them easier to fit in closets and tight spaces. $1,000 for the washer, $860 and $800 for the gas and electric dryers. 800-253-1301; *www.whirlpool.com*.

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refrigerators

WINNER

Samsung, QuatroCooling Four-Door Convertible Refrigerator

LEFT: Forget the obvious puns about four-door convertibles, this is a truly fascinating device. First off, it has two drawers at the bottom where previous models have only had one. The capper is—and this is the convertible part—these drawers can go from refrigerator to freezer and back again, from 41°F for wine chilling down to –14°F for quick freezing. $2,500. 800-726-7864; *www.samsung.com.*

WINNER

Liebherr, 245/24i5 Side-By-Side

RIGHT: Although technically this combines two models, it adds up to an intriguing idea: a refrigerator, freezer and wine captain all in one. On the right is a 24-inch refrigerator, and on the left is a 24-inch combo with a freezer on the bottom and a wine refrigerator on top. The fact that they're separate units is actually a benefit; it makes it easier to get the refrigerator/ freezer into your home. $7,490. 905-319-8835; *www.liebherr-appliances.com.*

HONORABLE MENTION

Thermador, Freedom Collection

LEFT: Disassembling refrigerators and moving the components around the kitchen isn't a new idea, although this collection does offer a healthy selection of appliance widths, not to mention two stand-alone freezers with through-the-door ice and water. The real innovation here is the flush-mounted doors and especially the concealed hinge. No visible hardware allows the appliances to truly disappear among the cabinets. $2,900 to $7,000, depending on model. 800-656-9226; *www.thermador.com.*

toilets

WINNER
Kohler, C3 Toilet Seat

BELOW: Most Americans find using a bidet to be an alien concept, but then when they do get a chance to use one, they think it's terrific. It's also undeniably hygienic, and the bidet experience is but one of the features of this toilet seat. The seat also warms up, closes quietly and emits a soft blue glow to let a person avoid the shock of bright light in the middle of the night. One model has controls on its side, the other uses a handheld remote. $750 to $1,300, depending on features. 800-456-4537; *www.kohler.com.*

HONORABLE MENTION
Vitra, Istanbul Toilet

BELOW: Defying the standard toilet profile, this model has an almost tulip shape, with a tapered support that's positively dainty when compared to typical toilets. The reason for this elegance is that the toilet is affixed to and drains into the wall, where a concealed tank resides. The toilet comes in white and five colors, with an optional clear lid. From $2,000. 770-904-6830; *www.vitra-usa.com.*

tile

WINNER
Erin Adams Design, Vine with Bird

ABOVE: This mosaic of hand-cut glass seems to combine tile with wallpaper. Close inspection reveals the acute details of the design and the variations in the glass. From a distance, however, the collected pieces present a nonrepeating pattern that is simultaneously elegant and down-to-earth. $103 per square foot. 505-352-1016; *www.erinadamsdesign.com.*

HONORABLE MENTION
Impronta Italgraniti, Rhus Lacquers

ABOVE: The relentlessly innovative Italian tile industry is showing an Asian influence not seen since the days of Marco Polo. Resembling Japanese woodblock art, these stylish, understated tiles come in white, black, red or mock wenge. The line also includes decorative tiles like Yuan, which assemble to form large panels—in this case, red leaves on a black background. $114 per square yard. 212-980-5000; *www.improntaitalgraniti.com.* ◆

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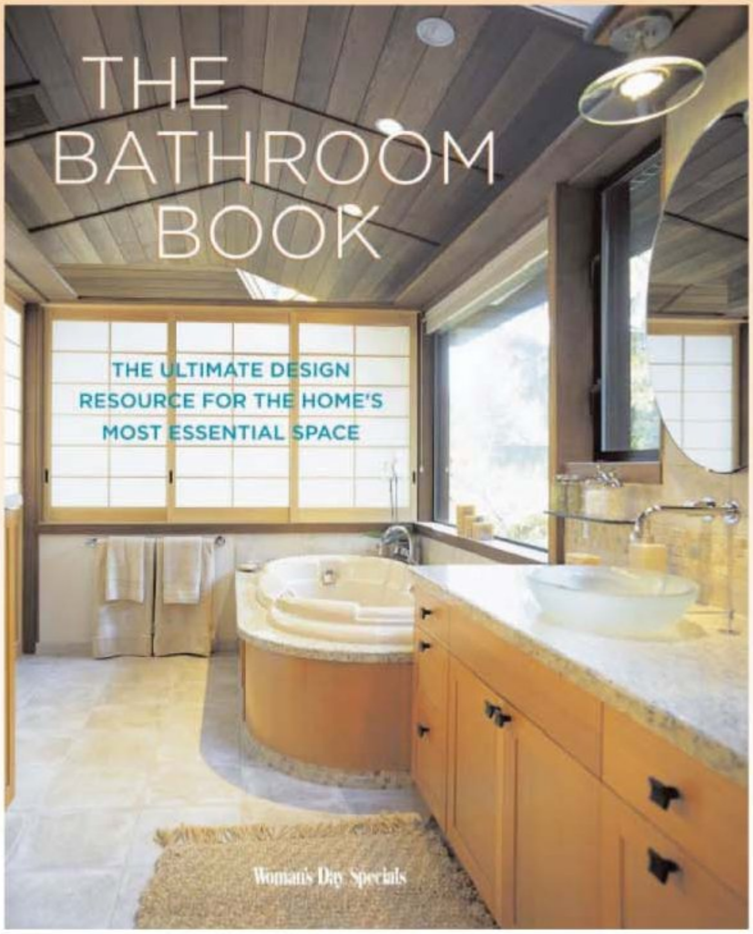

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How do you like your kitchen?
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Designed for modern living, the new kitchen has plenty of storage (dishware for 50!) and an island for casual meals. But materials, such as marble and beadboard, pay homage to the home's 1907 heritage. The cabinet at left is original.

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This family-friendly kitchen retains old-fashioned charm

reclaiming the past

WRITTEN BY LEAH ROSCH
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Bumped out from the run of cabinetry, the farmhouse sink was placed under a pair of windows with a view of the backyard. The gooseneck faucet makes cleaning large items a snap and also offers period charm.

When Lily Kanter and her husband, Marc Sarosi, bought their historic Mill Valley, California, home last year, the clock was already ticking. Lily was four months pregnant with their third child, and their circa 1907 plantation-style house wasn't exactly in move-in condition. Built by Bernard Maybeck, a reigning Bay Area architect of the time, the three-story house was among the first designed to withstand earthquakes. So while its strong bones were still intact, its interiors needed resuscitation—especially the kitchen. "It looked like it hadn't been remodeled since the forties," says Lily, "and it was pink!" A significant gutting was in order.

Enter designer Tineke Triggs, founder of the San Francisco firm Artistic Designs for Living, whose task was to restore the kitchen's period elegance while adding modern upgrades and creating a space comfortable enough for a growing family—all within a tight time frame. Fortunately, they didn't have far to go for their design muse. "Lily loved a bank of floor-to-ceiling cabinets that remained from the original kitchen," says Triggs. With its recessed-panel doors and vintage surface-mount catches, the pantry had great presence and character. "We replaced the hinges and put in new glazing," say Triggs, "and this became our inspiration."

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CAMOUFLAGED CONVENIENCE A dedicated cooking zone was crafted by placing the range in an alcove, where it has the look of an old-fashioned hearth. Within the alcove, a shallow cabinet keeps spices handy.

FROM THE GROUND UP Looking down is a feast for the eyes: Popular in the past, white hex tiles border a slate floor laid in a running bond pattern. Base cabinets are finished with furniturelike feet.

MATERIAL MATTERS "Marble countertops were common to the home's Victorian period," says designer Tineke Triggs, who had the marble honed for more of an old-world look. Glass-front cabinets are period appropriate and match a real window that looks through the dining room to the view of San Francisco.

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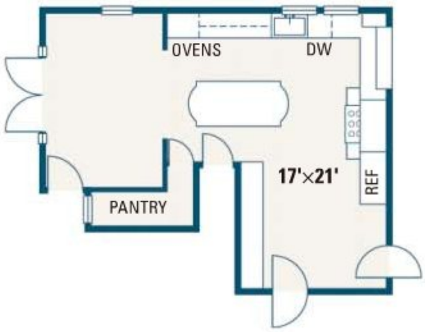

ABOVE: The kitchen was upsized when the wall to the mudroom was removed. This made way for a separate eating area, while an adjacent pantry handles overflow storage. A beefy island claims almost 25 square feet of space.

RIGHT: State-of-the art cooking equipment is de rigueur for the busy Kanter-Sarosi family. The doorway to the left leads to the eating area.

BELOW: A cutting board set into the marble countertops creates a mini-prep area with the adjacent sink.

Period styling seamlessly punctuates the space, from the generous apron-front sink to the divided-light doors on upper cabinets and cup bin pulls on lower cabinetry. Tile treatments are bygone with a twist: A classic subway tile backsplash looks fresh in celadon; low-maintenance slate covers the floor, bordered with the classic hexagonal tile. But this kitchen also has a family-friendly point of view. Triggs removed the wall between the kitchen and mudroom to create a dining area and Lily added three stools to the dark-walnut island to accommodate her young brood.

While most of the kitchen's individual features are stylish or interesting or both, one stands out as unique: the view of San Francisco Triggs brought into the kitchen. Because the view is actually from the dining room, Triggs added a pair of windows to the left of the range and below a set of cabinets that looks through the dining room to capture it. But perhaps the most impressive aspect of the entire renovation was finishing not only on time but with a few weeks to spare. "We began the remodel February 15," says Lily, co-CEO of Serena & Lily, a nursery linens and accessories company, "and moved in June 15—two weeks before our third son was born." Now the vintage kitchen is ready for a modern family. ◆

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The kitchen's beadboard ceiling was left untouched for authentic patina. A pair of brass-and-glass hanging pendants over the island are knockoffs of the period's lighting.

These walls are covered in Venetian plaster, created using an ancient technique. It involves spreading thin layers of tinted plaster to achieve a slightly irregular stucco effect. This room mixes in pine, oak, century-old chestnut floor planks and window sills made of aged granary boards to create a rustic atmosphere.

character driven

Old World design creates a kitchen of distinction

WRITTEN BY SUSAN MEREDITH
PHOTOGRAPHS BY GRIDLEY & GRAVES

All during her years living in a cramped New York City apartment, Roya Babanoury dreamed of one day owning a sprawling Mediterranean-style farmhouse. It would have a large, friendly kitchen that opened onto a patio surrounded by gardens—just like those she admired in her travels to Italy and southern France. After 9/11, she decided it was finally time to make her dream come true. "Only there were no homes like what I had in mind on the market," Roya says. Then one day, while trolling the Internet, she discovered the Bucks County, Pennsylvania, architect John Franklin who specializes in Tuscan-inspired houses; she also found a house for sale online. "It was the dead of winter, the ground was frozen, and the trees were barren," says Roya, "but when I stepped

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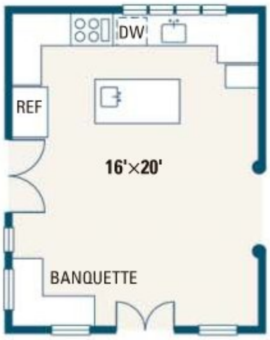
ABOVE: The island is topped with a 5×6-foot slab of 2-inch-thick Jerusalem limestone with simple eased edges. Because it is a porous stone, limestone requires sealing about once a year. An undermount sink forms an efficient prep zone with the fridge and stove.



LEFT: The cooking action takes place on one side of the kitchen; banquette seating is on the opposite side. An island links the sides and defines the boundaries between them. To the right, steps lead to the great room.

into the kitchen, it was so warm and inviting, I knew I had found my new home."

Indeed, Franklin, a devotee of southern European architecture, modeled the 3,200-square-foot stucco structure after an Italian villa. Instead of a formal entryway, the massive wooden double-front doors with antique wrought-iron hardware open straight into the kitchen. The 16×20-foot space, with its yellow walls, aged blue/green cabinets, and wide-plank chestnut floor fit Roya's vision of an Old World farmhouse. It also included, just beyond the prep and eating island, three graceful arches that look out on an adjacent great room. That space has a soaring 14-foot exposed-beam ceiling, a stone floor, and a spectacular view to a brick and bluestone patio walled-in by landscaped gardens. Two sets of vintage French doors, salvaged from old mansions in New Orleans, provide access to the patio. Franklin's design also cleverly uses large, European-style casement windows with the original wavy glass and deploys century-old wood planks for everything from window sills to ceiling beams.

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To keep the work area clear while cooking, owner Roya Babanoury stashed a stool under the built-in desk where she sits to pay bills. The open shelf overhead has a cubby for a TV and space for cookbooks. “Books are warm and welcoming in any room,” she says.

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REPRODUCTION LATCHES are made of hand-oxidized and antiqued bronze finished in pewter; they match the rest of the kitchen hardware.

AN ANTIQUE UNPAINTED PANTRY measuring 3×6 feet is affixed to the wall and sits on the counter. It is the visual touchstone for all the cabinets. "I love it," says Roya. "It reminds me of something you'd find in an old-fashioned general store."

GLASS-FRONT CUPBOARDS impart the look of old-time hutches on either side of the stove. Modern convenience in the form of a professional-style range blends into the cabinets and the wall thanks to its tinted finish.

THE ISLAND matches the perimeter cabinets, painted blue-green and glazed for an antique look. On top of the island is the same Jerusalem limestone found throughout the kitchen, and a compartment for a microwave oven is built in.

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"It was just as though John had read my mind," Roya says.

"The house is a weekend magnet for my family and city friends," says the former city slicker. A corporate lawyer, Roya found a job in the area, bought a border collie named Sasha, and relishes her new country lifestyle. She likes to treat guests to Persian specialties—like shish kebob and saffron rice—from recipes her Iranian father taught her. "Everyone gathers around the island and pitches in." With sinks in two locations and the 5×6-foot island workspace, there's plenty of room for multiple cooks. The only change Roya made to the kitchen was to install randomly located tiny halogen lights to augment the original recessed lighting. "I like a lot of light," she says, "and at night, it's like cooking under the stars. I am truly living my dream." ◆

ABOVE: Tucked in a sunny corner of the kitchen, the banquette eating area includes a French country table and slat-back chairs. The banquette offers storage for linens and silver. Because her house is on 11½ private acres, the homeowner chose to leave the windows unadorned.

A modest addition pays off big in this comfortable kitchen

down-home design

WRITTEN BY CHRIS HUGHES
PHOTOGRAPHS BY ALAN SHORTALL
STYLED BY SUSAN VICTORIA

"I love to be in the kitchen," says Faye Rosenberg, "not because I do so much cooking, but because it's my favorite room." With such smart use of space, it's no wonder she feels that way.

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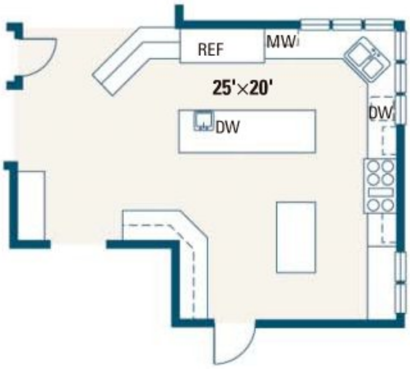
The kitchen centerpiece, the island, boasts "everything

New space, reconfigured space, more efficient space. From first concept to final design, a kitchen remodel is almost always driven by the conquest of space. This challenge was met head on by homeowners Faye and Richard Rosenberg, in Northbrook, Illinois, when they began planning an upgrade to their tiny 1968 kitchen. With the help of Orren Pickell Designers and Builders, of Lincolnshire, Illinois, the Rosenbergs added 240 square feet to the room and 40 percent more cabinet space in a down-to-earth design equipped with a variety of amenities.

Adding seven feet along the length of the kitchen gave the existing space room to breathe, says design team member Jeff Eichhorn. The addition also supplied just enough room to accommodate the Rosenbergs' goal for a kitchen where everyone could comfortably gather. "It's amazing how much you can fit into that



With an island for prep work, a cleanup area, and a dining table and window seat on the opposite end of the room, this kitchen is set up to be a magnet of activity. It's a great place to hang out even when meals aren't being prepared.

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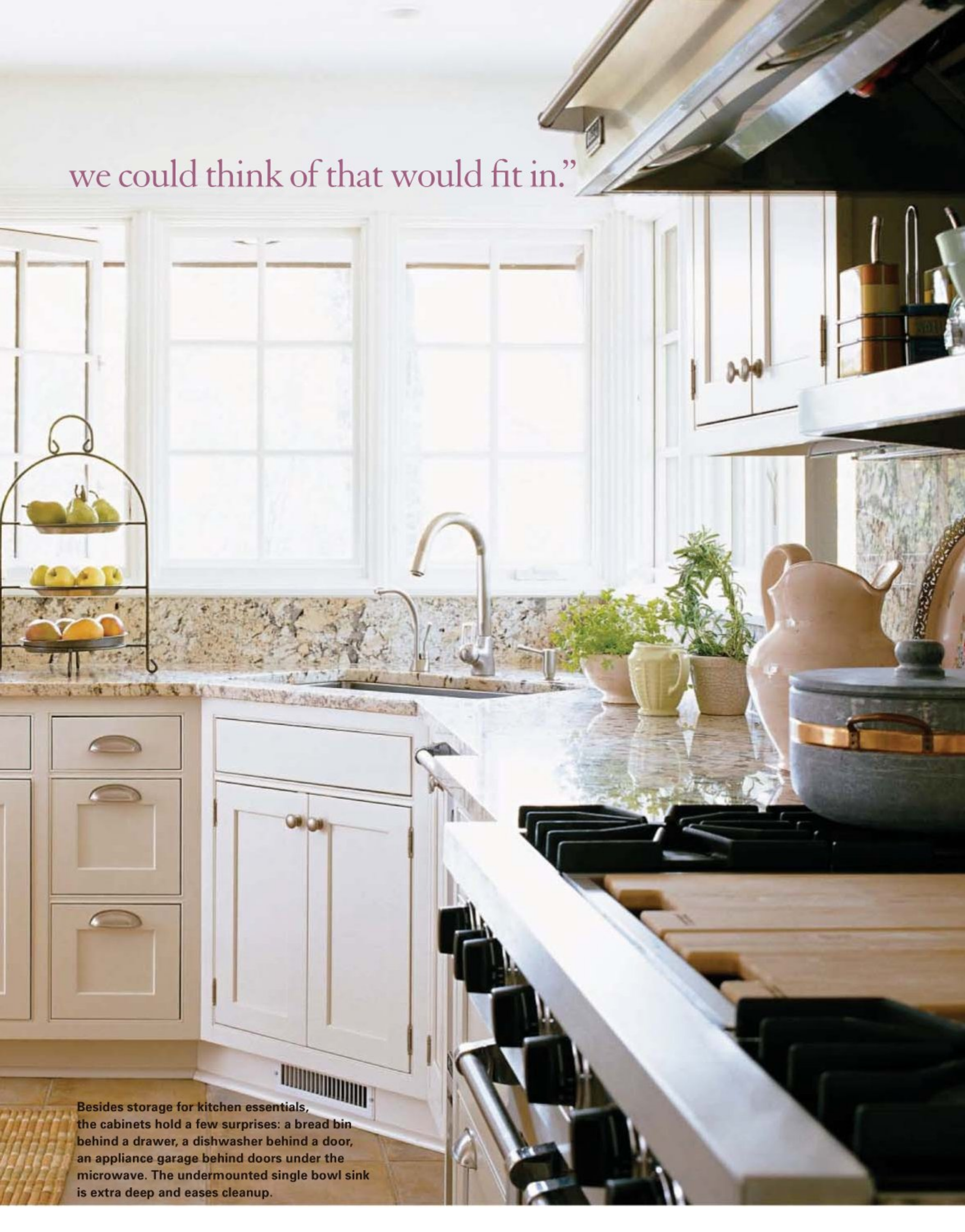
we could think of that would fit in.”



Besides storage for kitchen essentials, the cabinets hold a few surprises: a bread bin behind a drawer, a dishwasher behind a door, an appliance garage behind doors under the microwave. The undermounted single bowl sink is extra deep and eases cleanup.

The kitchen engages the entire family as it accommodates their busy lifestyles. The peninsula that connects the kitchen to the great room is a quick-stop spot for breakfast on the way out the door. The center island, with room for two or more to work, overlooks the table and window seat for easy conversation during meal prep.

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MAKE THE FARMHOUSE STYLE YOURS

CLEAN PLATE CLUB When one dishwasher won't do, add a drawer (left). Built into the center island and camouflaged with a custom front panel, it offers the option of handling small loads or overflow from the full-size dishwasher next to the main sink.

WASH AWARE For anyone who wondered the primary purpose of the secondary sink (below left), its configuration clears up any doubt. This sink is meant for prep, with one of its basins designed to hold colanders and bowls. The cutting board comes standard with the sink.

FILLER UP Turn on the water and start cooking without making a trip to the sink. A pot-filler faucet (bottom left), mounted above the range, swivels and extends for optimum reach, putting an end to lifting, carrying and spilling.

LOAFING AROUND The bread box drawer (below) keeps baked goods fresh and is a handy go-to spot for hungry teenagers or late-night snackers.

amount of space," Eichhorn says, "and with good planning, you can make all the space feel bigger."

The shining star of the Rosenberg kitchen is a grand center island inspired by Faye's design dare to house "everything we could think of that would fit in." The pine base incorporates a dishwasher drawer, old-style glass-front storage bins for pasta, rice and dry goods, and a warming drawer where meals on hold stay hot. The spacious granite counter provides ample work space, and a second kitchen sink convenient to the refrigerator is ideal for food preparation.

The practicality of properly used square footage is enhanced by the couple's choice of furnishings: low-maintenance all stainless steel equipment; easy-care ceramic tile floors with a forgiving tumbled-stone

Faye Rosenberg's enthusiasm for her kitchen begins with the custom glass-front hutch, the ideal display for her collection of antique glassware and ceramics. A focal point in the kitchen, it also services the adjoining dining room.

finish; and white, Shaker-style cabinetry to brighten the room mixed with natural pine to warm it up.

Faye's favorite antique pieces, discovered while stocking the shelves of her own antique store, provide a pop of color against the earth-tone backdrop. Her ever-changing collections of bakeware, ceramics and glass sparkle behind the glass doors of the built-in hutch. Suspended above the island is Faye's pièce de résistance—a delicate and sparkling chandelier. "It's the first thing I see when I come in the room, I absolutely love it."

Whether it be the farmhouse ambience, found space for a window seat, the peninsula snack bar, or the sturdy kitchen table where the family chats about the day's events, the Rosenbergs wouldn't change a thing about their kitchen—although they wouldn't mind having some more time to spend in it. ◆

The dining table and window seat, flooded with light, allow ample room for the couple, their three daughters, and a bevy of household pets.

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ASIAN STYLE DEFINES A CITY KITCHEN

PERFECTLY CALM

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OPPOSITE: Slaving over a hot stove? Not here, not with this view of Manhattan.

THIS PAGE: Tiered schist counters feature a matte finish that's durable and easy to clean. In the peninsula, the horizontal row of drawers holds silverware and utensils while oversize base cabinetry is ideal for storing equally large cooking items.

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The stainless steel cabinetry, circa 1930, was painted in its first use. Once it was stripped, the homeowner considered its imperfect look an ideal companion to the new wood cabinetry.

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The transoms fostered a design plan that relied on a subtle interpretation of the Asian attitude with the use and placement of materials such as raku tiles on the walls, oil-rubbed bronze and frosted glass on the light fixtures, and copper drawer pulls.

Two antique transoms were the inspiration for the Asian ambience of this penthouse kitchen overlooking New York City. The old hand-carved pieces, originally created for a Japanese Buddhist monastery, captivated the homeowner who, years ago, found them in an antiques store and fell in love with them. Stored away until they could be effectively used, they were the first thing she brought up when redesigning her kitchen with architect Elaine Felhandler, of Felhandler/Steeneken Architects in New York City. "She showed me the transoms and that was it," says Felhandler, who used the pieces as her design guide.

Once that was settled, Felhandler turned her attention to the layout. She combined the maid's quarters with the old kitchen to create a new 15×19-foot space that would be the centerpiece of a home already under the spell of the Far East. Adjacent to the kitchen, a conservatory that annexed territory from the terrace would be flooded with light and serve as a gathering spot for guests during meal prep, or a hang-out area for the homeowner.

From design to material selection, Felhandler crafted a kitchen that combines old and new. Japanese raku tiles cover structural columns. Schist, an older-than-granite metamorphic rock,

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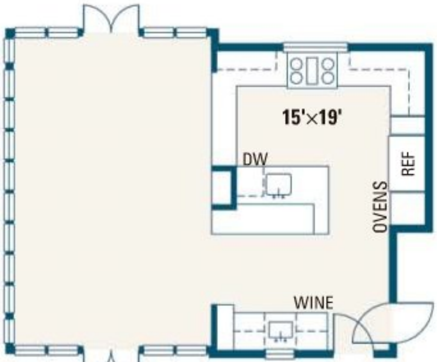
THE BASICS—Those who embrace the Japanese aesthetic fall for its simplicity, the clean line, and the serene mood it generates. The style emanates from a mix of subtle details that transform an entire space as in this kitchen.

FINISHES—Old and new mix together but are never shiny. The 1930s stainless steel cabinets, stripped of original paint and not perfect, accent new cherry cabinetry with a rubbed finish. Raku tiles add texture to the walls and columns and a "dull" countertop is made of schist.



The kitchen gained an adjacent seating/eating area by carving space from the terrace. Along another side of the kitchen, a wide corridor also houses an entertainment area.

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LINES AND SHAPES—
Cylindrical light fixtures, cabinetry stacked to resemble an Oriental cabinet, and the elongated lines of extended countertops present a unified picture. Black trim identifies beginnings and endings as in the edge of the soffit, the corner of the column, and the frames of the transoms.

MOVEMENT—Sliding doors glide smoothly above the refrigerator. The open spaces within the transom frames allow flow from one room to the next, even as they define boundaries.

is fashioned into countertops with an eased edge. Made of cherry wood, the peninsula is built with oversize pieces stacked and recessed to resemble the elongated lines of the Craftsman and Prairie styles—styles, says Felhandler, "very much influenced by the Japanese." The kitchen's linear profile is also evident in bands of black painted trim (also carried into the conservatory) inspired by the transom frames and used to edge the soffits and columns. Another strong line is formed from the row of six horizontal drawers in the peninsula and even cupboard doors feature unadorned recessed panels with straight frames. Custom-made copper drawer pulls and handles, made to look old, mimic the angular shape of the faucet.

A dedicated work zone is completely separate from, yet open to, adjoining spaces. Free from traffic, it's easy to negotiate and fitted with pro-style appliances and recessed lighting. Pendants hung above the peninsula not only provide light, but help delineate the space. Across the passageway, a second sink and cabinetry function as an entertainment center. The color palette is simple too—warm wood tones, stainless, and pale walls prevent any jarring intrusion.

Suspended from the ceiling and eased between columns, the 100-year-old transoms set the tone of the new kitchen and became its focal point. The homeowner adds, "As soon as we knew we'd use them, everything flowed from there." ◆

SWEET HOME

Although remodeled within its existing footprint, the new kitchen boasts generous work and storage space, along with room for the homeowners and their two teenage daughters to snack and enjoy breakfast together.

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ALABAMA

TIMELESS TOUCHES TURN A DATED KITCHEN INTO A CONTEMPORARY CLASSIC

WRITTEN BY MERVYN KAUFMAN
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for this homeowner, buying the Birmingham, Alabama, house she grew up in was not an attempt to preserve her childhood. In fact, upon acquiring the four-bedroom traditional from her parents 18 years ago, she and her husband began a room-by-room renovation that ended with the kitchen.

The dark wood paneling and obsolete appliances in the 15×21-foot space created more inconvenience than nostalgia. "We repainted the old cabinets and paneling right away," the homeowner says, "but that was really a Band-Aid until we could afford to do a total gut job. The most significant thing we did at that time was put down a hardwood floor—quarter-sawn red oak—in the kitchen and refinish the wood floors in the rest of the house."

Before touching the kitchen, however, the homeowner spoke with Cyndy Cantley, of Cantley & Company, a Birmingham interior design firm. Cantley manages the showroom, and her husband, Keith, oversees the shop where the firm's custom cabinets are made. Working with her clients, Cantley rearranged the space without removing walls, expanded the room's one window and added a multiuse island plus a doorway leading to the central hall.

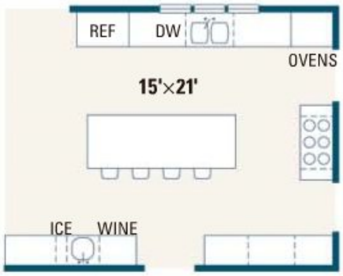
"This doorway creates symmetry," says Cantley. "It's also nice in that you don't have to turn corners going in and out of the room anymore." This new opening teamed up with a matching preexisting one to flank the built-in cooktop, stainless steel backsplash and exhaust hood. Other stainless steel appliances reside on an elongated work triangle—wall ovens, a dishwasher and a 36-inch-wide built-in refrigerator. "Now, all my appliances are in an L-shaped area on one side of the room," says the homeowner. "Before, I had to cross the room to reach the fridge."

A single-bowl stainless steel sink replaces the old kitchen's two bowls; the faucet, with single-lever control, has a pull-out spray for rinsing dishes and washing fresh produce.

Adding a doorway and removing a modest peninsula cut into storage and work spaces, but new custom cabinets rise all the way to the 8-foot-3-inch ceiling, and the island, with stainless steel legs and undercounter cabinets, adds 27 square feet of space for food preparation and snack dining. All of the work surfaces are granite.

"I entertain a lot and needed more work space," the homeowner says. "But what I really wanted was to open up my kitchen, making it more inviting by integrating it with the rest of the house." On the wall opposite the triple window, a newly widened doorway makes the kitchen and adjacent den more mutually accessible. The doorway, which can be closed off with a pocket door, separates the refreshment center from three tall cabinets that comprise the pantry.

The classic look of the new space was intentional, according to Cantley. "A kitchen shouldn't be trendy," she says. "It should be timeless, so it doesn't become dated quickly." ◆



ABOVE: An added doorway creates symmetry, with one now on either side of the cooktop. The centrally located island enhances the symmetrical effect.

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MAKE THE CONTEMPORARY COTTAGE STYLE YOURS

DE-EMPHASIZE APPLIANCES Discreet dishwasher drawers belong as close to a sink as possible, but they should also be close to where dishes are stored.

QUIT THE CLUTTER Below a cooktop is a terrific place for a drawer to store pots and pans. A simple bend and fetch is all that stands between inspiration and cooking. Don't forget to keep lids there, too.

CORRAL CONVENIENCES The refreshment center, with wine storage, refrigerator, ice maker and bar sink, is a great traffic reducer. "Now my family can get the drinks they want without being underfoot when I'm cooking," the homeowner says.

CONTROL DECORATIVE ELEMENTS In a conventional cottage-themed room, a jumble of mismatched hardware is part of the charm; in the contemporary variant, pare it down to two styles.

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Refined and relaxed, this master bath is a welcoming room

gilt free

WRITTEN BY PENNY KITT
PHOTOGRAPHS BY BOB BRAZELL

There's a place for bathrooms adorned with gold-plated plumbing and semiprecious stones—but it's not in this low-key mountain retreat. Designer Mike White, of Aspen White Star in Woody Creek, Colorado, assembled a palette of top-quality materials and combined them into an understated yet elegant room that's right at home on the range.

Along one wall, twin basins, with ample area between them, are dropped into a stretch of marble that's lightly traced with gray veins. That quiet color is picked up by the nickle cross-handled faucets and the sconces, which look like they've been rescued from an Old West railroad depot. The vanity is grounded by a sturdy, simple console stained a rich mahogany.

Opposite the sinks, there's a dedicated grooming area that has a more feminine edge to it, owing to its all-white color scheme and task-specific lighting. The cabinetry is reminiscent of a collector's vitrine or a display case at an old general store, with glass doors on their sides as well as on the front. Crown molding stops short of the painted beadboard ceiling, giving the piece a stand-alone presence. ◆

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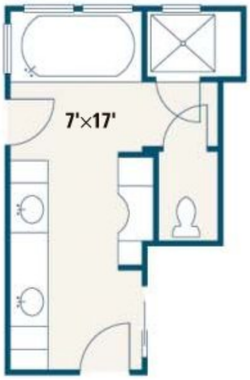
LEFT: Daylight from the adjoining tub area is bounced through the space via mirrors and glossy white paint. Keeping the dark, mahogany cabinets close to the floor also contributes to the room's brightness.

BELOW: An arcing cutout in the front of the vanity lets users scoot closer to the mirrors when grooming and applying makeup. Glass cabinets have doors on two sides—an unusual touch that eases access to their contents.



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LEFT: Owing to the home's siting, the tub and shower receive the full benefit of the sun—and the view. Placing the sinks in their own "wing" of the bathroom ensures a comfortable level of privacy for all users.

LEFT: This niche with a decidedly Moorish flair could serve a practical use and hold bath essentials, or it could be more decorative, as it is here, displaying a fragrant bouquet.

OPPOSITE: To create as much storage as possible in the small space, the Sadoulets opted for a vanity cabinet. On the wall above it is a medicine chest with three compartments to hold his-and-hers grooming essentials.

SMALL SPACE, BIG STYLE

GOOD DESIGN MAKES A SNUG BATH SEEM SPACIOUS

WRITTEN BY BERNADETTE BACZYNSKI
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STYLED BY G. TODD ROBERTS

Nine years ago, Bernard and Valerie Sadoulet discovered their dream home, a cozy 1925 Spanish-style cottage nestled amid a profusion of gardens and trees in Berkeley, California. The only drawback? The house had just one and a half baths and two bedrooms, which had to serve as master, guest and office spaces. After years of making do, the couple decided to create a private master suite and bath, just for them. To make it happen, they brought in architect Jon Larson, of Jarvis Architects in nearby Oakland.

Because building out was impossible due to the proximity of neighboring houses, the best option for

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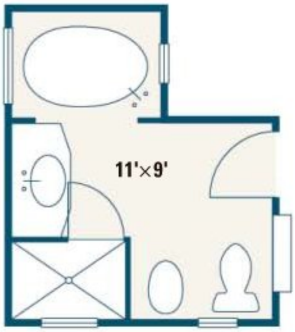

It's not your typical layout, but this clever design gives the bathroom all the fixtures and charm it requires. Setting the vanity opposite the entry offers a handsome view as the toilet hides behind the door. Dedicated areas for the tub, shower, vanity and toilet/bidet help create privacy in a shared bath.

expansion was to add a third floor. Though city height limits restricted how far they could build up, the team worked within the home's compact footprint to create a functional, light-filled master suite. "There's a common misconception that you need square footage to make a room feel big," says Larson, "but higher ceilings and windows can do the same thing." In the tub enclosure, an arched window overlooking an oak tree provides filtered light. On the opposite wall, another arched window, this one covered by an antique Tunisian grille, admits sunlight into the toilet area. And a skylight spans the sloped shower ceiling, essentially turning it into a light well.

To create the room's style, Valerie, a professional photographer who has traveled the world, drew upon her photos and fond memories of a 1985 trip to Morocco. "Moorish influence is so prevalent in Spanish architecture that I thought it would be nice for this bathroom," she says. Her artist's eye shows up in the bathroom's arches and niches, which Valerie sketched out for workers to copy. A barrel-vault ceiling above the tub is enhanced by a Murano glass lantern, which looks "vaguely Moorish." Marble floors and Jerusalem limestone on the counter and tub surround form a simple background for the intricate mosaic patterns created by various

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ARCHES & NICHES are signature elements of Islamic-inspired Moorish design, which flourished in North Africa, Spain and Portugal. Here, a barrel-vaulted ceiling arcs over the tub, echoing the curved window tops. In addition to wall insets, the entire room is a series of niches housing the toilet, sink, tub and shower.

ORNATE PIECES take their inspiration from the homeowners' travels and suggest Moorish design—the framed mirror, hanging pendant and grille work on the window.

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The archway leading to the tub is faced with an assortment of tiles. These tiles unify the space and show up around the window, on the wainscotting, and in the shower as well.

shapes and types of tile—marble, onyx, glass, ceramic—in the archway and on the wainscoting.

The bathroom's snug proportions also dictated judicious use of storage. Although the couple sacrificed a second sink in favor of a separate shower and tub, they created storage areas in the one vanity and the medicine cabinet above it. By the toilet, a large wooden cabinet provides additional space for linens. The whitewash on the custom cherry cabinets gives them an old, rustic appearance.

While the Sadoulets enjoy all their new bathroom's features, Bernard does have a particular favorite. "He loves being able to shower under the sunlight," says Valerie. "He finds that extraordinary." ◆

The separate shower is soaked in sunlight, which heightens the pleasure of the daily cleansing ritual. The natural light also helps to visually expand the small space. The recessed shelf keeps bathing supplies handy.

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C. Fill up the bathtub, throw some rose petals in the water and bliss out with a copy of *Gone with the Wind*.

3. It's Saturday night and you're flipping through the movie section in the paper. Do you:

A. Gasp with delight when that art film from Hong Kong finally makes it to your local theater?
B. Use running times and show times to calculate the possibility of seeing *two* of the latest blockbusters—in one night?
C. Wonder what happened to movies where characters speak to each other in complete sentences and are less than handy with rifles and grenades?

4. Your friends want you to pick the restaurant for your birthday dinner. You're most likely to pick:

A. The freshest sushi joint in town.
B. Olive Garden.
C. Fine French cuisine.

5. The time has come to blot out the world and immerse yourself in music. You're most apt to get totally lost in:

A. The custom mix on your iPod Nano.
B. A CD of a classic album by the Beatles or the Moody Blues.
C. An evening at the opera, preferably live.

6. After a week out of the country, you can't wait to catch up on the news by tuning in to:

A. *The Daily Show with Jon Stewart.*
B. *NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams.*
C. *The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer.*

7. When it comes to sports, you're confident the athletes in your house are ready to take on all comers in:

A. Lacrosse.
B. Football.
C. Golf.

8. Some co-workers are laughing about last night's TV offerings. You tell them the funniest show on network TV is:

A. *Everybody Hates Chris.*
B. *Desperate Housewives.*
C. *The Apprentice.*

9. The digital photos you took of your relatives are great. How do you get copies to them?

A. Burn a CD.
B. Print them out at Walgreens or Target.
C. You don't own a digital camera.

What's your kitchen comfort zone?

Score 0 points for each A answer; 1 point for each B; and 2 points for each C.

0 to 7: You're a cool customer who wants a very contemporary kitchen indeed.

8 to 14: Consider a transitional look, which is a blend of traditional and contemporary elements.

15 to 18: You're a classic and your kitchen should reflect your taste for timeless styling. ◆

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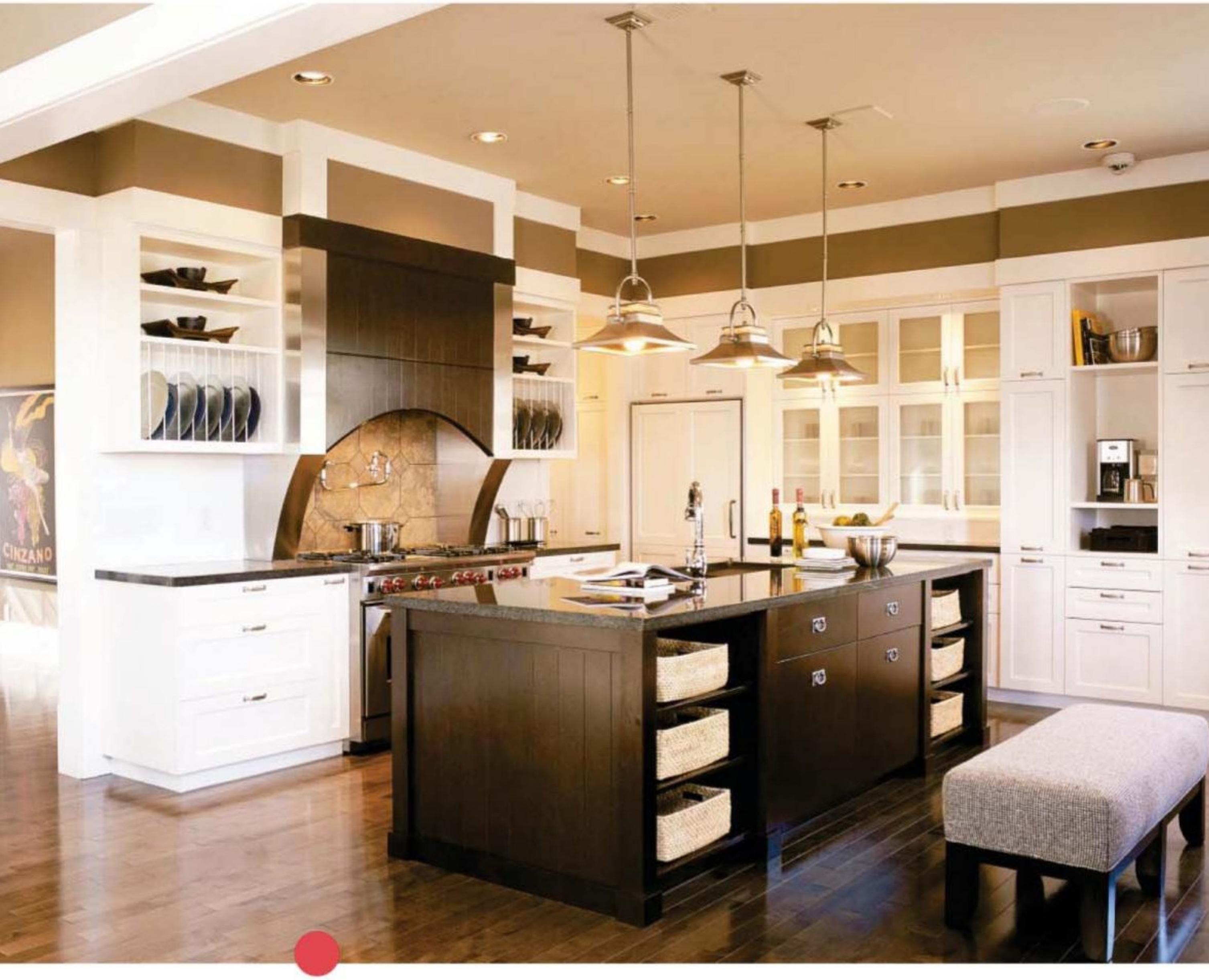

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